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Information Disclosure Statement

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Dear Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. Below are comments on these references pursuant to Rule 98:

U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2001/0047543 A1 to VanSteenburg et al. discloses a transfer apparatus for moving a patient from a first support to a second support which includes an upper platform, a lower conveyor and an actuator configured to be coupled to the lower conveyor to drive the lower conveyor.

U.S. Patent No. 1, 334,901 to Higdon discloses a turning sheet for hospital beds, comprising a fabric sheet designed to be arranged transversely of the bed, said sheet being of a greater length than the width of the bed.

U.S. Patent No. 3,849,813 to Neilson discloses a drawsheet of substantially frictionless material for use on a bed, to enable the user to easily slide thereon.

U.S. Patent No. 4,944,053 to Smith discloses a fabric device useful in facilitating the movement of a person's body while lying on a bed, resting surface, examining table or the like.

U.S. Patent No. 5,123,113 to Smith discloses a selective body portion protecting means for use on an elbow, knee, leg, calf, or the like, to prevent friction on a wound, burn, bed sore, or the like.

U.S. Patent No. 5,329,655 to Garner discloses a sheet to be used to help turn or position a patient wherein the sheet includes a bottom surface and top surface, the bottom surface including opposing end portions and a central portion which has less frictional drag than the opposing end portions and top surface.

U.S. Patent No. 5,638,558 to Moore discloses a pad is located on a bed between a human patient and the bed sheet, wherein the pad has a slick, smooth bottom wall, such as satin.

U.S. Patent No. 5,787,523 to Lindberg discloses a low friction bed sheet or the like for facilitating changing the position of a person or part of a person in prone position.

W.I.P.O. Patent No. WO97/38659 A1 discloses a flexible sheet is laid below a patient lying on a fixed bed, wherein one of the edges of the flexible sheet is wound on a human body pulling rod, wherein next, the rod is manually pulled so as to transfer the patient to a moving bed.

None of the above items discloses a method for turning a patient lying supine on a bed onto his and avoiding musculoskeletal injuries to the care giver, wherein first provide a draw sheet under the patient and a support sheet under the draw sheet, the support sheet on the bed, the draw sheet having a substantially frictionless lower surface and the support sheet having a substantially frictionless upper surface, wherein then a worker standing in a lunge position at a first side of the bed with palms facing upward grasps the first end of the draw sheet and pulls it horizontally to slide the patient on the bed toward the worker, wherein then the worker throws the first end of the draw sheet over the patient onto a second opposite side of the bed, walks to that side, and in lunge position with palms facing upward grasps the first end of the draw sheet and pulls it horizontally away from the patient.

Very truly yours,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AA	2001/0047SB3A1	12/6/2001	Van Steenberg et al.	5	81.1C	2/20/01
AB	13349d1	3/23/20	Higdon			12/10/1918
AC	3849813	11/26/74	Neilson	5	334R	7/18/72
AD	4944053	7/31/90	Smith	5	61	8/10/89
AE	5123113	6/23/92	Smith	2	2	2/8/91
AF	5329655T	1/9/94	Carner	5	81.1	5/18/93
AG	5787523	8/4/98	Lindberg	5	81.1H	2/27/97
AH	5638558	6/17/97	Moore	5	81.1	12/20/94
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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